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Letter dated 7 April 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and further to my letter dated 6 February 2009 addressed to you (A/63/711-S/2009/81), I have the honour to draw your attention to new violations of international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by military aircraft of the Turkish Air Force, recorded from 2 February to 28 March 2009, as follows.

On 2 February 2009, two F-16 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations.

On 4 February 2009, two CN-245 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations four times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 5 February 2009, one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated the international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 11 February 2009, two B-200 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 12 February 2009, four Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 16 February 2009, two F-4 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations.

On 18 February 2009, two C-160 and one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 19 February 2009, two Cougar military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

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On 20 February 2009, one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 24 February 2009, two F-16 and one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice.

On 25 February 2009, two C-560 and one B-200 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations five times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus five times.

On 27 and 28 February 2009, one C-560 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 1 March 2009, two F-16 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations.

On 2 March 2009, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 4 March 2009, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 5 March 2009, one CN-235 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft twice violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 6 March 2009, one C-160 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 11 March 2009, one CN-235 and two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international traffic regulations five times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus five times.

On 13 March 2009, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations.

On 15 March 2009, one B-200 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 17 March 2009, two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 18 March 2009, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 19 March 2009, two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 20 March 2009, one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 25 March 2009, one B-200 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 28 March 2009, one C-130 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On behalf of my Government, I strongly protest the aforementioned violations by Turkey and call for their immediate cessation.

These violations blatantly endanger the safety of international civil aviation and contravene international law and air traffic regulations. Furthermore, they put the peace and stability of the region at stake. Such policies and actions provide ample demonstration of the irresponsible behaviour of a country that now serves as a non-permanent member of the Security Council.

The Government of Turkey should heed the call of the international community, abide by the Charter of the United Nations and respect the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus, thus contributing to the creation of the required conditions for the achievement of a just and viable solution to the Cyprus problem.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 21, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Minas A. **Hadjimichael**